

Lafayette St. Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

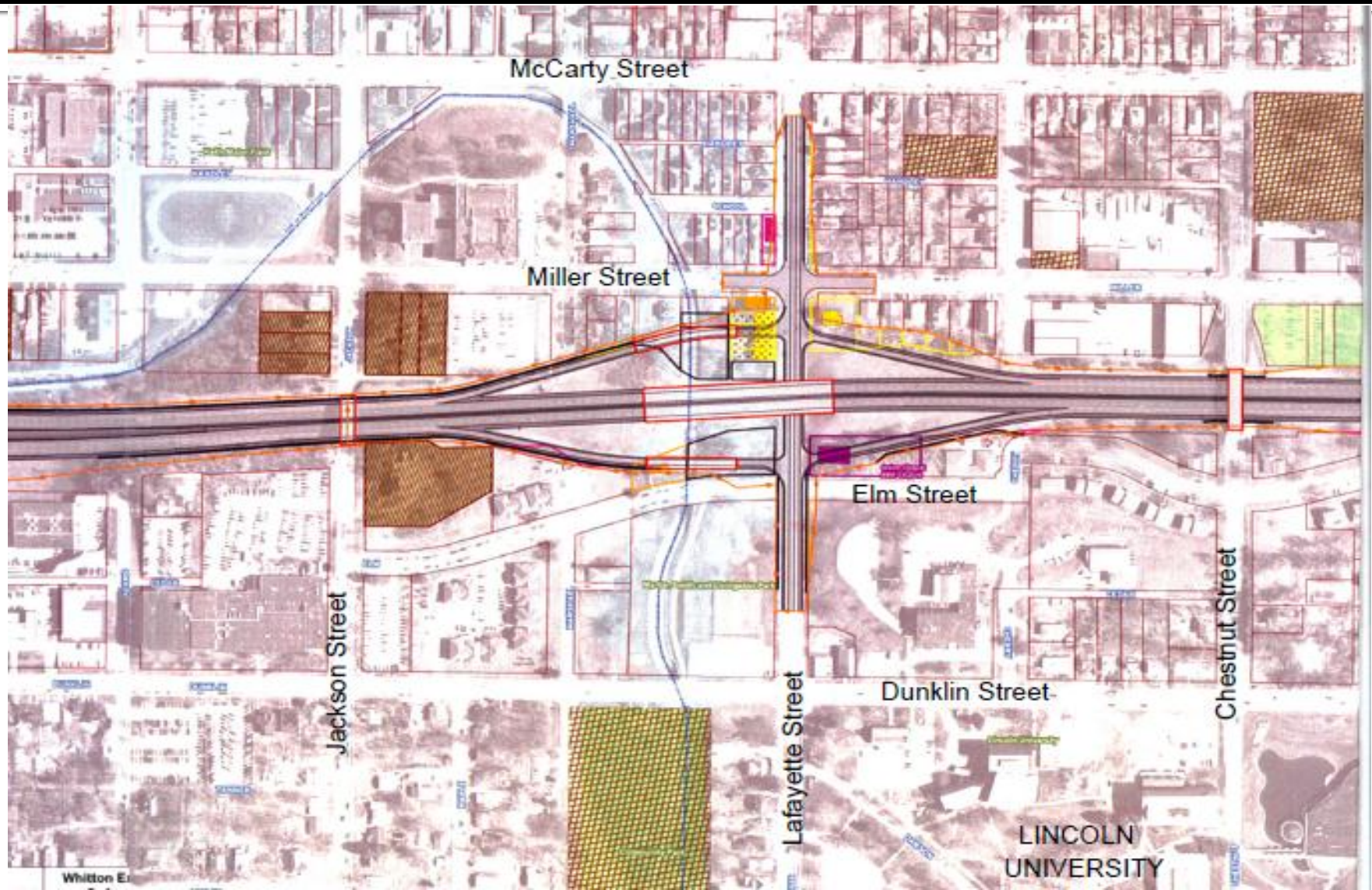
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How did we get here?

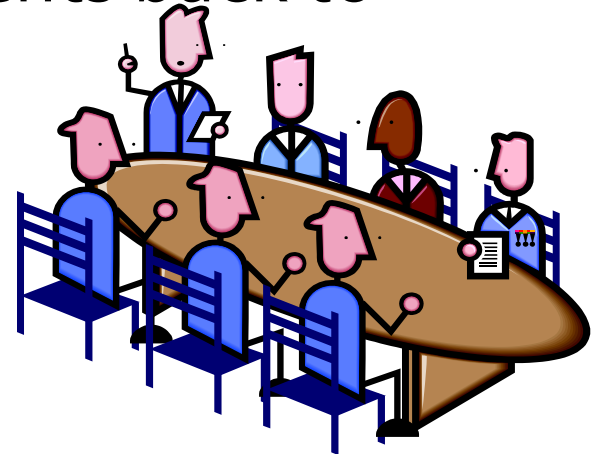
- **SEPT 2004:** MoDOT in cooperation with Cole County and the City of Jefferson hires the consulting firm of George Butler & Assoc. to conduct a Problem Definition Study of Whitton Expressway which included how to improve access to the MSP site.
- **JUNE 2006:** Whitton Expressway Problem Definition Study completed.
- **JUNE 2007:** MoDOT in cooperation with Cole County and the City of Jefferson hires the firm HNTB to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and location study for the Whitton Expressway including a new access to the MSP site, Lincoln University and Jefferson City Public School.
- **MARCH 2011:** Record of Decision approved by FHWA for Whitton Expressway EIS, completing the initial study process
- **JULY 2011:** Lafayette St. interchange added to STIP for construction
- **EARLY SPRING 2013:** Anticipated preliminary plans completion
- **SPRING 2013:** Anticipated Public Hearing
- **SUMMER 2013:** Begin remaining right of way acquisition
- **LATE SUMMER 2014:** Scheduled letting for Lafayette St. Interchange project
- **FALL 2014:** Anticipated beginning of construction
- **FALL 2016:** Anticipated completion of for new Lafayette St. Interchange

Lafayette Street/Rte. 50



Advisory Group Roles & Responsibilities

- Serve as a broad-based link between project team and community
- Receive and review detailed information from project team
- Comment on the reasonableness of technical methods, assumptions and results
- Communicate project information to respective organization and bring comments back to project team
- Alert the project team of the need for direct meetings with respective organizations



Environmental/Historic Preservation Issues

- Foot Neighborhood Impacts
- Lincoln University President property
- Greenway Trail
- Duke Diggs property

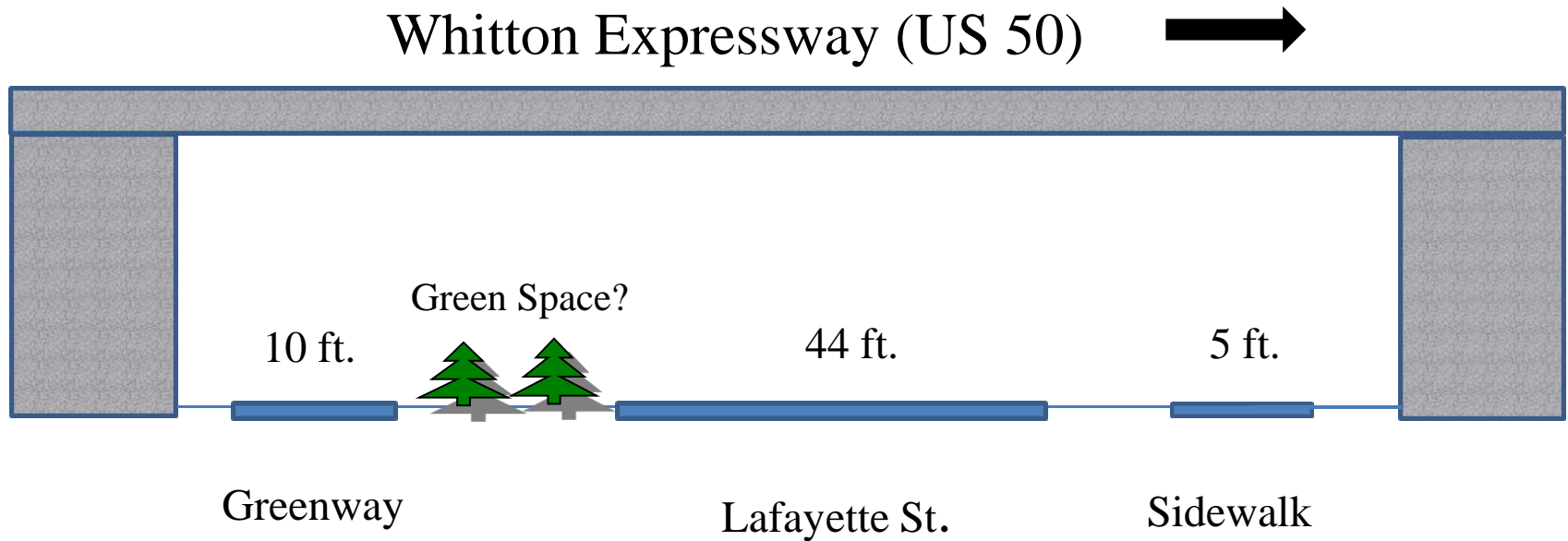


Bridge Issues

- Jackson St. & Chestnut Overpasses
 - Will be demolished and rebuilt
 - Streets will require closure, but both streets will not be closed at the same time
 - Will provide pedestrian accommodations
- Lafayette St. Viaduct
 - Bridge needs replacing
 - Significant impacts to Expressway
 - Traffic handling will be critical
 - Look of new structure



Possible Look of New Lafayette Viaduct



NOTE: All widths are approximate and subject to change

Roadway Issues

■ Miller Street

- Intersections at Lafayette converted to right-in/right-out
- Too close to new ramps to leave as is
- City bus traffic doesn't seem to be an issue
- What about access to Simonsen?

■ Elm Street

- Too close to new ramps to be kept open
- Propose to close Elm St. on both sides of Lafayette
- Have met with Boys & Girls Club
- Other concerns?

Other Considerations

- Coordination with Lincoln University
 - Homecoming
 - Graduation
- Other Projects in Area
 - Lincoln University
 - City of Jefferson
- Opportunities for Partnering
 - Enhancements
 - Aesthetics
 - Signing (Wayfinding)



Wayfinding Signing

- 100% local funding
- Need permit from MoDOT
- Identify key destinations
- Need to develop City Districts



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